

Introduction “Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life”, says the psalmist, “and I shall dwell in the Lord’s own house for ever”. So it is that we come here today as honoured guests of our heavenly Father.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10 - The prophet shares his vision of a heavenly banquet to which all are invited.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 - The joys of heaven outweigh whatever hardships we may be suffering now.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14 - Not everyone chooses to accept God’s invitation; indeed, some are not yet ready.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

OCTOBER

10 Pat Eastham, Henry Hall **12** George Connolly **13** George Walker
14 Alice Green, Peter Bond, Francis Procter, Joseph Bernie **15** Patrick
Gilligan, Anthony Gilligan **16** William Cliffe, Mary Wallbank, Robert
Fletcher **17** Paul M^cMurrough, Richard Barrie Southworth

Mass Intentions

Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass intentions left, required for specific dates. All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of church.

World Mission Sunday Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping over 1,000 dioceses bring hope and new life to people yearning to hear God’s love for them.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2026

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 4.55pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

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The Lord God will
wipe away the tears
from all faces.

Isaiah 25:8

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SATURDAY 10th October

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Repose of the souls of the Ryan Family (8859)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 11th October

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9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Philip Whewell – for successful treatment (8857)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3pm at St Andrew's

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 12th October

St. Wilfrid - Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 13th October

St. Edward the Confessor - Opt. Memorial

10.30am Cottam – Requiem Mass – Bill Shannon

WEDNESDAY 14th October

St. Callistus I - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Winifred & William Fowler (8862)

THURSDAY 15th October

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) - Memorial

8.15am Lea Town

FRIDAY 16th October

St. Hedwig - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Peter Boyle – Lately Dead (8865)

SATURDAY 17th October

St. Ignatius of Antioch - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Chris Mould (8853)

Confessions next Saturday 17th October 4.30pm - 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today please pray for prisoners and their families.



Welcome

Ralph & George Clark who will be baptised
today at St Andrew's.

RCIA Course

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or just wants to know more about the Faith? The course will be on Fridays 7.00-8.00 p.m. **continuing this Friday 16th October** in the Haydock Room. Please let Canon Adrian know if you would like to come along.

Thinking of being a priest?

Come to the Day of Discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 31 October 10am - 3.30pm** at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Rd, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Enter at Cathedral House on Balmoral Rd. The day includes Mass, adoration, reflections and lunch with Bishop Paul. To book, email Heather: heather.watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge for the day. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring vocation to priesthood.

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop next **Saturday 17th October at 12.15pm** in Lancaster Cathedral. The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for. There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

Afternoon Club

The club meets each **Tuesday** at 1.15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.